



APPLICANT:

Thappa

GROUP ART UNIT: 3763

SERIAL NO.:

09/695,116

EXAMINER: Ghafoorian

FILING DATE:

Oct. 24, 2000

ATTY. DOCKET NO.: THA-P-00-001

INVENTION:

"CLOSED END INFUSION CATHETER WITH AN INTRODUCER AND A METHOD

FOR USING THE SAME"

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

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Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002 for the above-identified application.

> No additional fee is required. Ø

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
		(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
	TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	20	X 6	X 9.00 X 18.00	54.00
	INDEP.	4	MINUS	4	хо	X 39.00 X 78.00	0
	Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.			() YES () NO	\$130.00 \$260.00 ONE TIME		
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$54.00	

The Asst. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Acct. No. 50-0595. <u>A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.</u>

When phoning re this application, please cat 173/772-6009

Brian M. Mattson

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the attached Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment and transmittal letter in duplicate are being deposited as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on May 23, 2002.

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In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

- A catheter for placing within a body, the catheter comprising:
- a flexible hollow body defining a length between a top end and a bottom end wherein the top end is closed and wherein the top end tapers to a cylindrical tube;
 - a diameter defined by the cylindrical tube;
- a width defined by the bottom end of the flexible body wherein the width is greater than the diameter;
- a locking mechanism located on the bottom end of the flexible body;
- a first notch located a distance from a point at which the top end meets the cylindrical tube; and
 - a second notch located a distance from the bottom end;
- a cylindrical body defining a cross with a length defined between a pointed end and a flat end;
- a first part having a uniform width and a length defined between the pointed end and the flat end;